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In re Application of: McKenzie Application No.

10/659,244

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Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a reply to office action in the subject application.

- Small entity status is claimed for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
- EX Petition for an extension of time for the period noted below, as well as for any additional period necessary to render the present submission timely. Please charge Deposit Account No. 12-1216 for the appropriate petition fee.

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 - Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
 - Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 6, 2005, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 3. Remarks begin on page 5.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 CFR 1.8									
I hereby certify that this Response to Office Action and all accompanying documents are, on the date indicated below, \(\subseteq \) being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, or \(\subseteq \) being facsimile transmitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Attention: Examiner , Art Unit , Facsimile Number									
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